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REMARKS

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1. Officers who returned to the restricted area on Kochlin Lake, Fuerstenberg (W 54/U 62), on 23 February 1951, from a wreath-laying ceremony, included 1 colonel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 1 infantry colonel, 12 lieutenant colonels with tank insignia, 8 lieutenant colonels with infantry insignia, 6 lieutenant colonels with artillery insignia, 2 lieutenant colonels with signal insignia, 1 lieutenant colonel with technical troops insignia, 3 lieutenant colonels (Med), and numerous other officers of lower rank, including an air force captain. A major general of infantry was seen entering the restricted area in sedan. Motor vehicles seen in traffic at the restricted area included sedan occupied by a lieutenant colonel and a tank major, and vehicles.

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2. The restricted area on Daalenseestrasse was apparently occupied as observed before. No other movements were observed. A few officers seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets. Repair shop truck were seen at the restricted area. *

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3. The repair shop in Ravensbrueck was guarded by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Its garage was occupied to capacity by trucks. About 140 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, and trucks were observed in the billeting area of signal troops in Ravensbrueck. About 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery and signal insignia, were seen assembling in the Ravensbrueck cantonment between the Fuerstenberg-Lychen road and railroad line. Ten soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets marched from the cantonment to the headquarters buildings at the road junction. An officer who was seen entering and leaving the cantonment rode in passenger car.

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Holiday routine was noticed in all other installations in the Ravensbrueck area. There were apparently no changes in the overall occupation.

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4. Troops in the Droegen barracks installation assembled in an open quadrangle on 23 February. Including a military band, they numbered 1,000 to 1,200. A field-grade officer addressed the troops. The garages of the installation were still occupied to capacity by motor vehicles, most of which were blocked up. Motor vehicle [] were seen. Truck [] was seen entering the installation. ***

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* [] Comment. The Hq Second Gds Mecz Army is carried in the restricted area on Rodolin Lake, while the rear service commander may have his headquarters in the restricted area on Baslenseestrasse. []

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*** [] Comment. The former Ravensbrueck concentration camp breaks down into an outer and an inner installation. The outer installation, which primarily extends between the Fuerstenberg-Lychen railroad line and the northern shore of Schwedt Lake, is believed to quarter among other units the 9th Sig Regt. The inner installation on the eastern tip of Schwedt Lake is probably occupied by supply and repair shop units of the Second Gds Mecz Army. []

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*** [] Comment. The SS Kaserne in Droegen is fairly definitely believed to quarter the 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div. The high number of motor vehicles there, [] indicates that headquarters units of the Second Gds Mecz Army also may be stationed in the installation. []

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